(c) During the 10th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to focus on measures aimed at modernisation, rendering cost effective service, enhancement of service quality, commercialization through corporation and increased private sector participation in major ports.

Shifting of Office of Tariff Authority for Major Ports

411. SHRIK. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before his Ministry to shift the office of the Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) from Delhi to a marine city.

(b) if so, the reasons for shifting the office from the Capital of the country; and

(c) the practical difficulties that the Ministry might face in the event of its shift from Delhi to a marine city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Cabinet Committee on Accommodation (CCA) in June 2000 has directed the Ministry to consider relocation of headquarter of Tariff Authority for Major Ports from Delhi to a port city. The Ministry does not anticipate any major difficulty that may arise due to shifting of headquarter of the Authority.

Permission for crude import for Essar Refinery

412. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat had de-notified port limit of Salaya Minor Port and transferred the same to Kandla Port only for import of crude oil for IOC refineries;

(b) if so, the reasons for granting permission by the Kandla Port Trust to put up a SBM in Kandla Port limit (in Vadinar area) for crude import for Essar Refinery;

(c) whether Government are considering to transfer revenue likely to be generated through SBM for Essar Refinery to the Government of Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Government of Gujarat had de-notified Vadinar portion from limits of Salaya minor port and by another notification issued by the Government of India on the same day, the de-notified Vadinar area was included in the limits of Kandla Port. The denotification by Government of Gujarat did not limit use for import of crude for IOC refinery.

(b) The Vadinar area comes under the purview of Kandla Port Trust, hence KPT is competent to grant permission for setting up of Essar Refinery.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Improvement in productivity of major ports

413. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of augmentation of capacity and improvement in productivity of major ports;

(b) the efforts being made in this direction during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) the strategy proposed to be adopted during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) whether these efforts will improve the operations at major ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) The total reassessed capacity of Major Ports as on 31.3.1997 at the beginning of the 9th Five Year Plan was 219.55 million tonnes. The total capacity in Major Ports as on 31.3.2001 was 291.45 million tonnes. It is anticipated that the total capacity in Major Ports as on 31.3.2002 at the end of the 9th Five Year Plan will be 344.40 million tonnes. Thus, the total capacity addition in the Major Ports during the 9th Plan period is expected to b<* 124.85 million tonnes.